

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all claims have been presented whether or not an amendment has been made. The claims have been amended as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for presenting a status of an object in a ~~three dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:
 displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:
 the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and
 the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as
 deployed in a network;
 determining a value of a property associated with an **a particular** object;
 ~~determining a status indicator associated with the property;~~
 generating a status indicator representing the **determined value** ~~property associated~~
 ~~with the object;~~ and
 displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object.~~
2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator has a translucent quality.
3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator has a reflective quality.
4. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator is depicted as a bar.
5. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 4, wherein at least one dimension of the bar represents the **determined** value ~~of the property.~~
6. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the status indicator is depicted as a quantitative indicator.

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7. **(Original)** The method of claim 6, wherein the quantitative indicator is a gauge.

8. **(Currently Amended)** A method for presenting a user selected status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

receiving a request to select a property of an **a particular** object for display;

displaying at least one property ~~which may be displayed for~~ **associated with** the **particular** object;

receiving a selection of a property;

determining ~~the a~~ value of the selected property ~~for the object~~;

generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object~~.

9. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 8, wherein ~~the step of~~ generating **a status indicator comprises** ~~includes~~ automatically determining ~~the a~~ form of the status indicator.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 8, further comprising receiving a selection from ~~the a~~ user determining ~~the a~~ form of the status indicator.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 8, wherein ~~the form of~~ the status indicator is a bar graph.

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for presenting a status of an object in a ~~three dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

~~a processor;~~

a graphical user interface operative to display a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

~~a memory connected to said processor storing a program to control the operation of said processor;~~

and

~~the a processor operative with the program in the memory to:~~

determine a value of a property associated with an **a particular** object; **and**

~~determine a status indicator associated with the property;~~

generate a status indicator representing the **determined value, wherein the status indicator is displayed.** ~~property associated with the object; and display the status indicator relative to the object.~~

13. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for presenting a user selected status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

~~a processor;~~

a graphical user interface operative to display a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

~~a memory connected to said processor storing a program to control the operation of said processor;~~

and

~~the a processor operative with the program in the memory to:~~

~~receive a request to select a property of an a particular object for display;~~

~~display at least one property which may be displayed for associated with the particular object;~~

~~receive a selection of a property;~~

~~determine the a value of the selected property for the object; and~~

~~generate a status indicator based on the value of the selected property,~~

wherein the status indicator is displayed. ; and

~~display the status indicator relative to the object.~~

14. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for presenting a status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

means for determining a value of a property associated with ~~an~~ **a particular** object;

~~means for determining a status indicator associated with the property;~~

means for generating a status indicator representing the **determined value** ~~property~~
~~associated with the object; and~~

means for displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object.~~

15. **(Currently Amended)** An apparatus for presenting a user selected status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, comprising:

means for displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

means for receiving a request to select a property of an a particular object for display;

means for displaying at least one property ~~which may be displayed for~~ associated ~~with~~ the particular object;

means for receiving a selection of a property;

means for determining ~~the~~ a value of the selected property ~~for the object;~~

means for generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property;

and

means for displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object.~~

16. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for presenting a status of an object in a ~~three dimensional~~ graphic display, the processing instructions ~~for directing~~ **operable when executed to direct** a computer to perform the steps of:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

determining a value of a property associated with ~~an~~ **a particular** object;

~~determining a status indicator associated with the property;~~

generating a status indicator representing the **determined value** ~~property associated with the object;~~ and

displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object.~~

17. **(Currently Amended)** A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for presenting a user selected status of an object in a ~~three-dimensional~~ graphic display, the processing instructions ~~for directing operable when executed to direct~~ a computer to perform the steps of:

displaying a plurality of icons, wherein:

the icons are associated with a plurality of objects; and

the icons are arranged according to locations of the associated objects as deployed in a network;

receiving a request to select a property of an a particular object for display;

displaying at least one property ~~which may be displayed for~~ associated with the particular object;

receiving a election of a property;

determining ~~the a~~ value of the selected property ~~for the object~~;

generating a status indicator based on the value of the selected property; and

displaying the status indicator ~~relative to the object~~.

18. **(New)** The method of Claim 1, further comprising:
displaying lines between the icons, the lines representing network links;
determining a status associated with a particular network link; and
modifying the displayed line associated with the particular network link, the modification based at least in part on the determined status.

19. **(New)** The apparatus of Claim 12, wherein:
the graphical user interface is further operative to display lines between the icons, the lines representing network links; and
the processor is further operative to:
determine a status associated with a particular network link; and
modify the displayed line associated with the particular network link, the modification based at least in part on the determined status.